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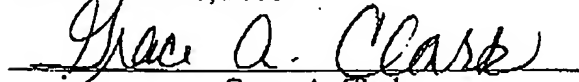
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

This is an Amendment After Final Rejection in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**There are no amendments to the Specification in this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**There are no amendments to the Drawings in this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.